

## 4-question Poll on the FFDTI

### Results for Faculty Across the University

This 4-question poll was conducted among ODU faculty to capture an immediate snapshot of reactions to the Provost's message sent on November 7, 2025. Invitations were distributed through Faculty Senators for departmental dissemination. The poll was piloted between November 13-14 with College of Business faculty and open to the broader University faculty between November 17-20.

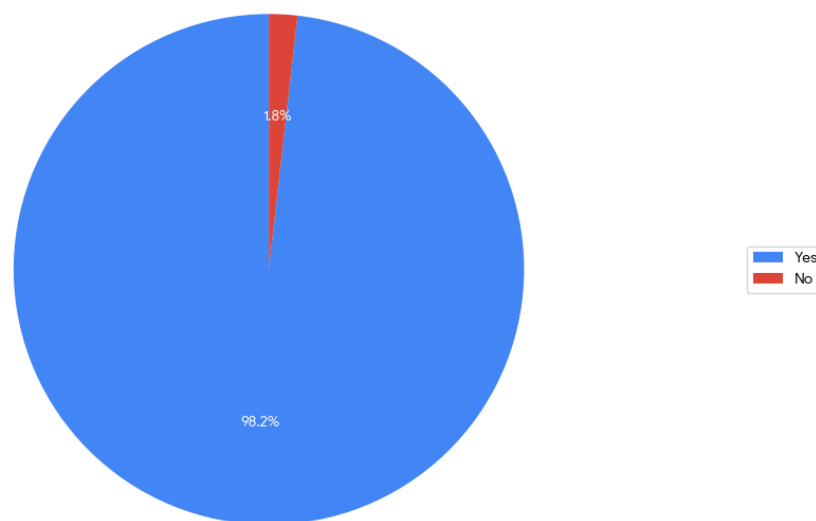
The poll was deliberately designed as a quick "pulse check" with the primary goals of (1) gauging faculty sentiment regarding the Provost's administrative response, and (2) ensuring faculty were informed by providing direct links to the message.

This poll focused on collecting timely, aggregated feedback on the Forward Focused Digital Transformation Initiative. Quick polls such as this are widely recognized as effective tools for measuring opinion on urgent issues, similar to practices used by organizations like Gallup and Pew Research.

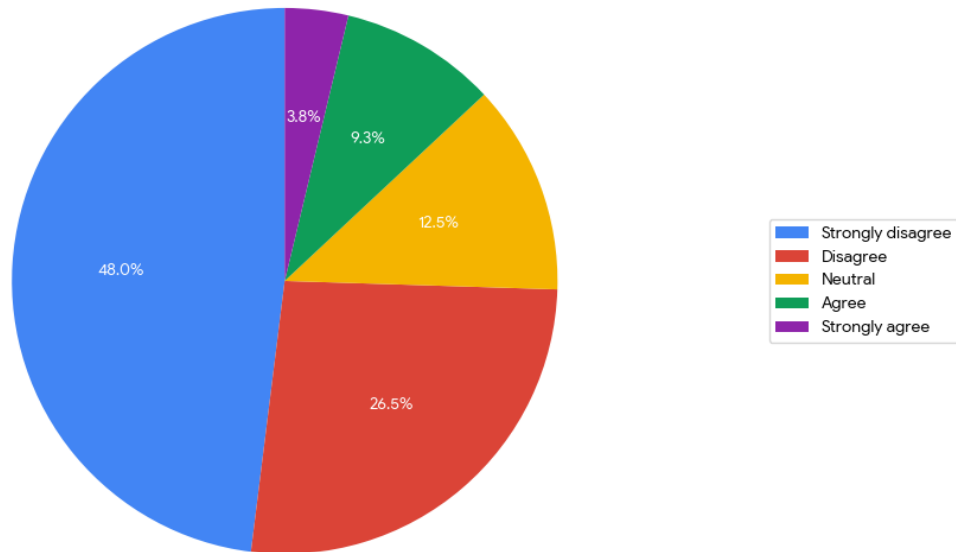
With a strong 43% response rate (507 of an estimated 1,172 full-time ODU faculty), the poll offers a reliable indicator of prevailing faculty concerns and perspectives. The results provide essential, actionable insight into the collective sentiment of ODU faculty at this critical moment.

Note: Responses to the first poll question about deliberate planning of the FFDTI are not significantly different across the Colleges/Schools/Units. Differences for responses to the remaining poll questions are statistically significantly different ( $p < .05$ ). Across the colleges, faculty in small units (e.g., Interdisciplinary Schools, School of Health Professions, Joint School of Public Health, etc.) that are aggregated into an 'Other academic units' category and faculty in the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies consistently had the least disagreement. Faculty in the Strome College of Business and the College of Sciences generally had the strongest disagreement.

I read the Provost's November 7 message regarding the FFDTI initiative.

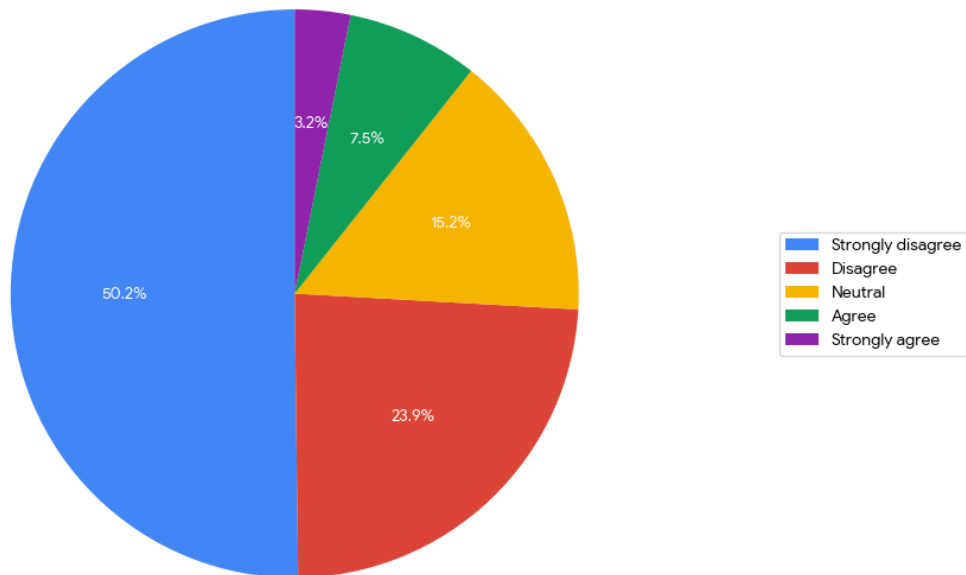


I am now persuaded that the decision to transition to the eight-week calendar for fully online programs by Fall 2026 is not rushed and reflects deliberate planning.



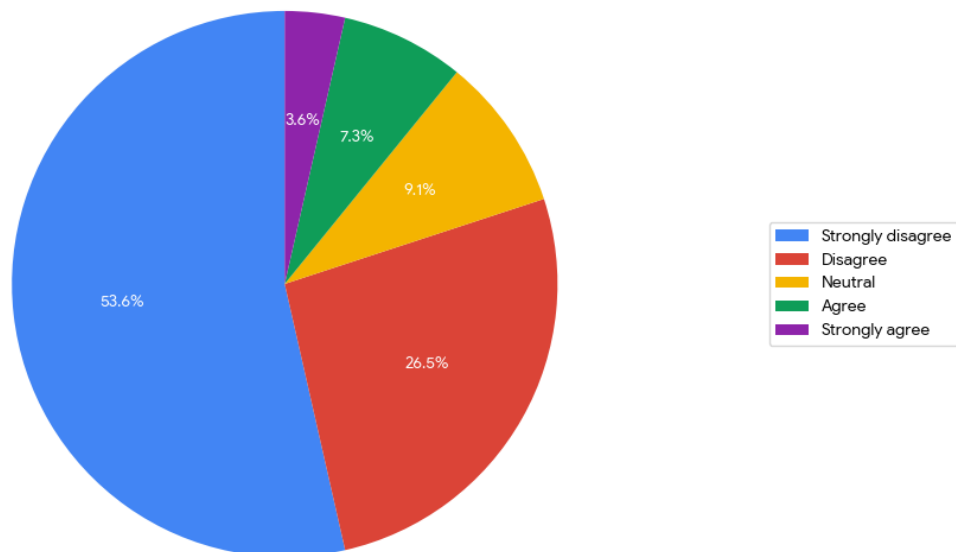
N=507      Disagree: 75%, Agree: 13%

I am now persuaded that the 8-week format supports course quality and student success.



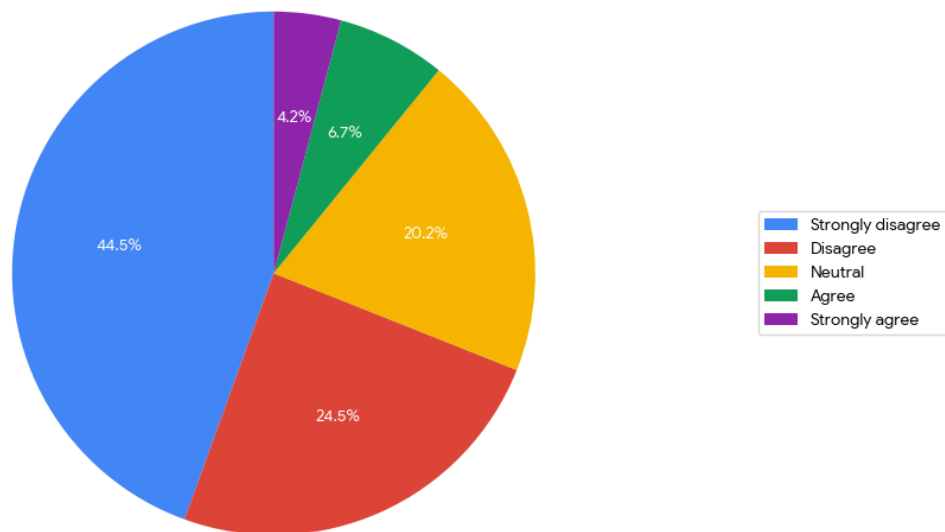
N=506      Disagree: 74%, Agree: 11%

I am now persuaded that faculty concerns about switching to 8-week format is being adequately addressed by the administration



N=506 Disagree: 80%, Agree: 11%

I am now persuaded that the university is providing the needed capacity and resources to support 8-week accelerated courses that are designed around quality and student success.



N=506 Disagree: 69%, Agree: 11%